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Ms. Patricia Derian
Coordinator for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs
Department of State, Room 2802
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Ms. Derian:

As you know from our earlier correspondence with you, the American Physical Society is deeply concerned about the situation of several missing physicists and others imprisoned in Argentina. We have now received reliable information that one of these physicists, Antonio Misetich, is being held in Villa Devoto Prison. I have written the attached letter on behalf of the American Physical Society to the American Ambassador to Argentina, Raul Castro, requesting that he do his utmost to arrange a visit by an American official to Villa Devoto Prison in order to verify this information and also to obtain the release of Dr. Misetich. On behalf of the American Physical Society, I have also requested help from Ambassador Castro in obtaining the release of Ms. Elena Sevilla, a young woman physicist imprisoned in Villa Devoto. We would also appreciate any help you can give in these matters.

I would appreciate receiving your reply in this regard.

Sincerely,

Bernard R. Cooper

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